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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the examiner's requirement for election of a single disclosed species, the applicants elect the compound of formula I wherein:

R = COOH

X = CH

Y = O

Z = O

R² = OCH₃

R³ = OCH₃

R⁴ = CH₃

R⁵ = phenyl

R⁶ = benzyl

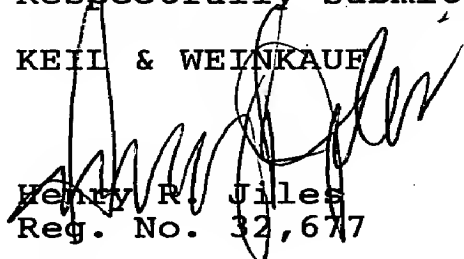
The elected species, 3-Benzyloxy-3-phenyl-2-(4,6-dimethoxy-2-pyrimidinyl)oxybutyric acid, is produced at example 4, page 29. The requirement for election is traversed for the reasons set forth in the amendment submitted on July 14, 1997. An action on the merits is solicited.

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